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(*b*) whether representations have been made to the Collector and the Board of Revenue protesting against the said regrouping of villages?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" I will do so if the hon. Member wants it."

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 135 asked by Mr. G. Rameswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th February 1924, page 146 supra.]

G.O. No. 2964, Revenue, dated 3rd October 1912.

The Government approve the Board's recommendation and accordingly direct that the power to permit cultivation of tank-beds shall vest in District Collectors. Such cultivation will be subject to the conditions proposed by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 1 of its Reference No. 354, dated the 10th February 1908.

(True extract)

L. M. WYNCH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Board's Reference No. 354, *dated* 10*th February* 1908.

The Board requests that Government may be pleased to delegate to Collectors the power now vested in the Board to permit the cultivation of tank-beds in unfavourable seasons, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) That in the case of tanks under the control of the Public Works Department the officers of that department are consulted in the first instance and their consent is obtained ;

(2) that the cultivation is restricted to crops, such as melon, cucumber, etc., which do not entail any material disturbance of the surface of the tank-bed ;

(3) that the cultivation is charged at the highest dry rate of the village ;

(4) that the tank-bed is equally divided among all the applicants and not monopolized by a few influential persons ; and

(5) that the ryots are held responsible for the complete removal of sticks, stems, leaves of plants, etc., before water enters the tanks.